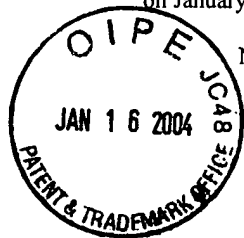


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Dear Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003 for the above-noted application. This Reply and Amendment is being submitted on or before the current due date of January 21, 2003. In response to this Office Action, entry of the following amendments is requested.